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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" I have tried, but only I have not been prosecuted."

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" Opinions on matters like this differ according to feelings and temperaments and change with persons."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are Government aware that footpaths in the city are only footpaths in name and they are not kept either in a sanitary condition or in a fit state, especially during the rainy season?"

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" I may agree they are not in an ideal condition; some are bad, some are indifferent and some others are in a tolerably good condition."

Welfare unions started by the planters of the Anamalais and the Nilgiris.

* 195 Q.—SRI P. R. K. SARMA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Welfare Unions started by the Planters in Anamalais and Nilgiris have been registered under the Indian Trade Unions Act; and

(b) whether the Government are satisfied that these Welfare Unions organized by the planters are genuine, bona fide voluntary organizations of the plantation workers?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Industries) :—" (a) The following three unions of workers in plantations have been registered under the Indian Trade Unions Act:—

(1) The Estate Staffs Union of South India, Glenview, Coonoor, of which Sri N. S. Varadachari, M.L.A., is the President.

(2) The Nilgiris District Estates Workers' Union, Ootacamund, of which Sri R. Raman Nair is the President.

(3) The South India Planters' Labour Union, Valparai, of which Sri P. M. Sheriff is the President.

There is no information whether any of these three unions is a welfare union started by Planters in Anamalais and the Nilgiris.

" (b) Does not arise."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Have the Government issued instructions to the registering authority that before a trade union for a group of workers is registered, that authority should satisfy itself whether there is already a trade union, as otherwise the registration would lead to rivalry between the unions?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I want notice, Sir."